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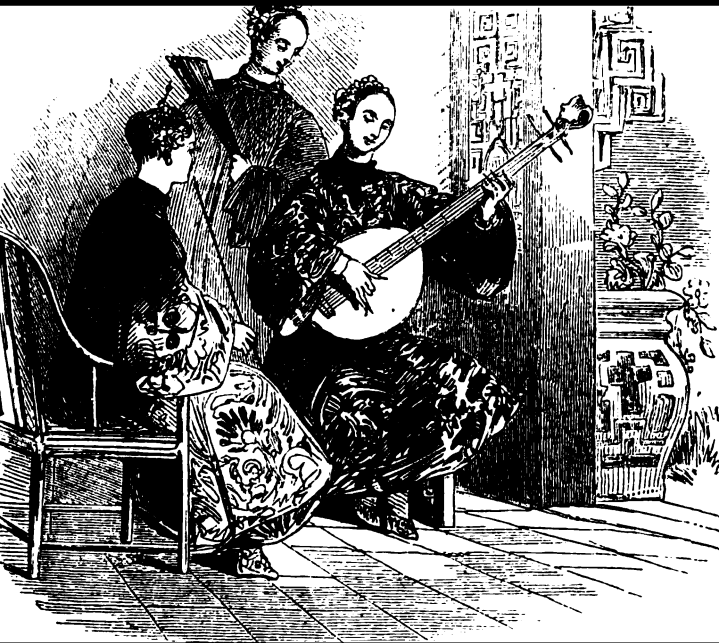
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### MY PETS.

THE old grandmother was always glad of a visit from her little grandchildren—Thomas and Mary. They could not go to see her very often; but when they went they were very happy. The good old lady talked to them very kindly, and told them stories; and when they went away she always had some little nice thing to give them. They were very kind and obedient to their grandmother, or she would not have loved them.





### THE SICK BOY.

It is only by sickness that we learn to value the blessing of health. Diseases are God's servants, and are sent to do God's will. To be patient, when one is sick and in pain, is very hard. The only way to bear it is by looking to our Heavenly Father for strength. But when we have a good bed to lie on, when a kind mother is at hand to nurse us, and a loving brother or sister is ready to amuse us, we have reason to be very thankful to the kind Being who only can heal our sicknesses and make us well again.



## FEEDING THE FOWLS.

ONE of the first things city children do when they go into the country is to feed the fowls. The city is no place for such creatures, as they cannot have the garden and fields and roads in which to pick up their food.

A brood of young chickens is an object of great delight to them, and to carry food to the old hen while she is confined to the coop seems to be a deed of charity, and like all such deeds, more than pays for the trouble of doing it. What a safe place the chickens find under the old hen's wings! Not safer than little children find in a good home.



### MY NEW FRIEND.

SUSAN PRICE was a very gentle and obedient little girl, and much beloved by her parents and friends. She was very quiet and modest, and did not try to have many companions, and she was always glad to have her father and mother know who were her playmates. When she had made a new friend she was not easy till she had invited her to her home that her father and mother might see her and approve of her choice. If all children would do as Susan did, many sad friendships would be prevented.



## THE PLACE I LOVE.

WE never met our little friend, Patty Prince, when she had not a pleasant smile to give us. She had her ups and downs like other children, but she had more ups than downs, and when some little trouble came upon her which she could not quite bear, she had a snug place where she could always find a welcome, and almost always get relief. That was her mother's lap.

Let us be thankful to God, every day of our lives, if he gives us a kind and loving mother.



### THE FOLD.

THE work at the farm is all over for the day, and the cattle are at home in the fold. The pigeons will soon be at rest, and the dog is already fast asleep in his kennel. All beasts and birds need rest. So do children when gathered in their nice little folds.

And now the day is ending  
With all its joy and care,  
My heart to heaven ascending,  
Shall offer praise and prayer.

The Lord is ever mindful  
Of those who seek his face ;  
And children weak and sinful  
May feel his saving grace.



## THE PLEASANT WALK.

It is not often that we find a boy or girl who is not ready for a walk. In the woods or fields, over the hills or by the brook, there is always much to amuse and not a little to improve one. If we could go into a museum and find as many curious things as we see around us, whenever we take our walks abroad, we should feel as if it would be worth a great deal to visit it. He that keeps his eyes and ears open will find something on every side to call forth wonder and praise to the Maker, Preserver and Giver of all.



## THE BREAK-DOWN.

It is the folly of some boys to think they know better than their parents what is best for them. Dick Johnson was one of this sort. He had a notion that if any body could drive his father's grey mare he could, but Mr. Johnson and every body else, but Dick, knew better. One day he and two of his playmates were determined to have a ride, but the grey mare was too much for them, and they soon wished they had let her alone. It is always safest to obey good laws at home or abroad.



## A MOTHER'S LOVE.

It was a wise thing in Lewis Grant to go to his mother when he was in doubt what it was right for him to do. Dick Price was a bad boy, and tried to persuade Lewis to go on a nutting tramp with him, and when Lewis said he would ask his mother's leave, Dick laughed at him and told him he could go and not let his mother know it. But Lewis knew that his mother would allow him to do what was good and right, and he would not be so mean and wicked as to deceive her. He is a very bad boy who will deceive his mother!





### REAL FUN.

YES, coasting is real fun when the air is clear, and the snow crisp, and the hill steep and long, and the sled well-made. It is healthful and innocent sport. The toil of dragging the sled up the hill is all forgotten in the swift and pleasant motion of going down.

We fall into bad habits as easily as we slide down hill, but we cannot pull our way up again as easily as the coasters do. Once fairly on the way down, it is only by help from a stronger arm than our own that we can regain our place. Shun the first wrong step!



### “TENDING THE BABY.”

LUCY LAWS' mother was a poor woman and had to work very hard. She took in washing for the neighbours, and tried in every way she could to get bread for herself and her two children, Lucy and the baby. Her husband is so foolish and wicked as to be a drunkard, and he does nothing for his family. What a dreadful curse strong drink is! And how cruel it is to sell it to those who are sure to be drunk with it! While Lucy's mother is at work she “tends the baby,” and this is a great help. There is always some way to be useful if we want to be.



## THE COUNTRY HOUSE.

THE old farm house is where Susan and Henry live. It has a garden, an orchard and a barn-yard. All around it are lovely green fields. It is a happy home. What makes it so is, that those who live there love and serve God. The parents of Susan and Henry teach them to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, to shun all sin, to read the Bible, to pray to God, to keep holy the Sabbath-day, and to be kind and loving to every one.

What a sad life those lead, who spend their days without a thought of Him, in whom they live, and move, and have their being!



## THE GRAIN TAKEN HOME.

It is a time of joy when the grain is taken from the fields. The boys and girls sing and shout as they see the loaded wagon go up the hill. There will now be bread to eat, and seed to sow for next year. God has made a promise to man : "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and summer and winter shall not cease." God keeps this promise, and will keep all his promises of love and mercy. Not one word he has spoken shall fail. Let us trust him and love him.



### THE LITTLE ROVER.

LITTLE Kate Prince was very fond of going to her Aunt Jenny's house, which was not more than a mile from her own home, (if she went across the fields,) but she never went without her faithful friend, Lion, who was three or four years old when Kate was born.

One very warm day she thought she would go by the way of the road, which was nearly twice as far as across the fields. So she was very tired, and when Lion lay down by the roadside, our little rover rested her head upon him, and when a neighbour came by and saw her fast asleep, he took her home in his wagon.



## THE SWOLLEN BROOK.

It often happens in the early spring that the rain falls and the snow melts so fast that very little streams swell to large brooks, and places where one could cross in the morning, it would be very dangerous to pass at noon.

Maria and her little sister came to such a swollen brook, and they did not know what to do. At last Maria made up her mind to try it and carry Ninnie in her arms, and she took her up for that purpose. But a farmer came along just then and kindly took them to a safe place. A kind deed will never lose its reward.



### A PRESENT FOR AUNT SUE.

Two little girls were making a short visit to their Aunt Sue, and as she lived in the country, they were almost all the time out of doors, in the garden or the fields, on the lawn or in the woods. They were in the midst of the beautiful things with which our kind Heavenly Father has covered the earth, and while they enjoyed life and health, they did not, (as many people do,) forget the Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift. Here they are gathering some pretty flowers as a present to their loving aunt.



## THE PLAYFUL DOG.

IF Mary or Sallie wanted a frolic, all they had to do was to call Trip and begin to play with him. He was as full of sport as a dog can be, and as they never teased him or hurt him, he was always ready to come when they called. It is strange that a dumb dog should be an example to a knowing little child, and yet, though Trip will come when his mistress calls him, many a boy will not come even when his mother calls him! How displeasing such conduct must be to Him who says, "Honour thy father and thy mother!"





### AFRAID OF A BIDDY.

WHEN little Tommy went into the country he wanted to go out with his aunt and see her feed the chickens. She was very glad to amuse him, and when it was time to feed them, she called him. He was much amused to see them pick up the seeds, but when the old hen, which had a brood of little chickens, came up, Johnny thought she was going to fly at him, and so he cried out with fear. But she would not harm him. Like other good mothers she was careful of her children.



## COUNTRY SCENES.

A GOOD book never comes amiss. It is a wise plan to take a few little books with us when we go abroad, and scatter them as we have a chance. Sometimes a little book thrown out as we are passing by, falls into the hands of a little boy or girl that seldom sees such a treasure, and, if taken home, it may be a little beam of light in a dark place. Perhaps the story of John Tompkins, which costs two cents, might with God's blessing turn a hard drinker into a sober man. We may do good by reading to those who are blind, or ignorant, or who have no books.



### THE OLD MAN'S ADVICE.

WELL, you have had a good game at bat-and-ball : you may now be glad of a few kind words from an old man. In all your play be merry and wise. Try to please and be pleased. If you have hard thoughts in your heart, do not speak them, but pray to God that you may forget them. Hours of youth and health are of more value than a royal crown. Sin is the first and great evil in the world.

Who follow Christ, and flee from sin,  
Have peace without, and peace within.



## THE WOODMAN.

OLD ROGER has worked at the farm for forty years. He is called the woodman; for he often goes to the wood to cut down the trees. The children are very fond of Old Roger, as he is a kind and pious man. He is often seen with his axe strapped to his side, and a bundle of wood under his arm, and two or three children running by his side. He loves to give them a word of advice. "Give your hearts to Jesus," says he, "in the days of your youth; for He who died on the cross to save sinners is worthy of your best love."



### THE USEFUL BOY.

HENRY was at play in the garden when his mother called to him to come and help her. He at once laid down his hoop and ran to her. His mother had a large ball of yarn which she wished him to assist her in winding. A little boy may be useful, and will try to make his mother happy by doing what she tells him to do. God says, "Honour thy father and thy mother." To obey is to honour. If a child does not obey, he sins against God. You must learn to obey, and seek to please God.



## WILLY AND HIS RABBITS.

HERE is Willy with his rabbits. He is very kind to them, and gives them nice food every day. He keeps their hutch quite clean, and they seem to know their young master. They put their little feet through the bars of the hutch when he comes near them. We should be always kind to birds and animals. It is very sinful to be cruel. A child that hurts a fly, or any living thing, may become a very wicked man. It is the disposition that is wrong.



### OUR ROVER.

ROVER was a fine dog. At night he was set to guard the house, and in the day he went out with his owner. Henry and his sister were very fond of Rover. He ran by Henry's side in his walks, and would carry his cap in his mouth. When people played with him he did not bite them. He was fond of those who were kind to him. If we are kind to dogs, they will show their love to us. But it is cruel and wicked to hurt them, and a cruel disposition is a sign of other bad ways.

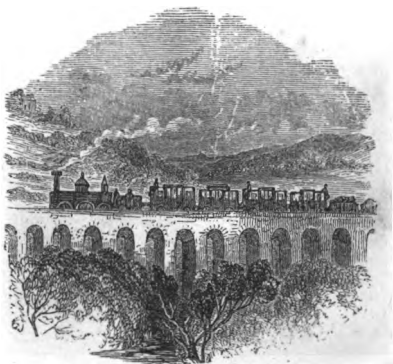
We must show mercy and be kind to all things that have life.



## THE STAGE-COACH.

It was a very pleasant way we used to have of travelling in the stage-coach. We did not go so fast nor so far in a day, nor could it be made so comfortable, nor could so many people go abroad as do now in steamboats and on railroads. But the stage-coach was generally a pleasant and sociable place; and in travelling in it more could be seen of the country and of the towns which were passed. It had its day, did its duty, and is laid aside. It would be well if the same could be said of all men and women.





## THE RAILROAD.

HERE comes the train, puffing and whistling and screaming, that all may have notice and get out of the way! It winds its way among the hills and valleys,—now passing slowly over a high bridge, and now creeping through a tunnel, but running in as straight a path as could be made towards its appointed station. How careful and watchful the engineers must be to look out for dangers, and to reach the station at the appointed time! This is what we have to do. Shun the dangers of the way, and do the work of each hour as it passes.



### THE LOG-HOUSE.

LET us now take a little trip in our own country, and where shall we find more to interest us than in the thriving and beautiful forests and prairies of the West? We shall find the log-house there, swarming perhaps with healthy and happy children. It is rude indeed, but there industry and virtue and godliness are more likely to be seen than in king's houses. The Sunday-school missionary has been there we hope and formed a school for them, and left some good books for them to read. Let us give them Bibles and Sunday-schools, if we cannot give them fine houses and rich furniture.



### THE WILD INDIANS.

BEFORE we pass to another part of the world, we may see some Indians of our own country. They are sitting round a fire. Their long hair hangs loose on their backs, or is dressed in a very odd fashion. But they think their way is better than ours. They seem as if they were going to war; for they have their bows and arrows with them. They are a savage and wild people, and fond of fighting. But we hope that they will soon be taught to live in peace and love. That will be a good time when nations shall learn war no more.



### THE FOREIGN CITY.

AND here we have come to a strange city. A beautiful harbour stretches out before it. The wharves are crowded with ships from all parts of the world, some bringing fruits and silks and cloths, and others grain and meat and iron, and others still gold and silver. They have crossed the wide sea in safety, and in a few days will return again to their own country. What a noble object a ship is, and what would we do if it were not for their help. How sad to think that they should be used to convey poison to the souls and bodies of men, and even to carry the poor negro into cruel bondage.



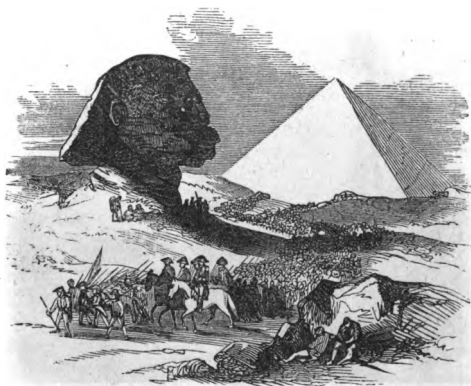
### THE CASTLE.

IN the old countries we find here and there, away up on some high hill, overlooking the surrounding region, a frowning castle, with its walls and turrets. It looks like a fort, and was built in ancient times when people lived very much like Indian tribes. The owner of the land, for miles and miles around, was called the lord, and the people were tenants, and were expected to serve him and to fight for him. The castle was a palace and a fortress; but it could not keep away the head-ache or the heart-ache, nor ease a guilty conscience.



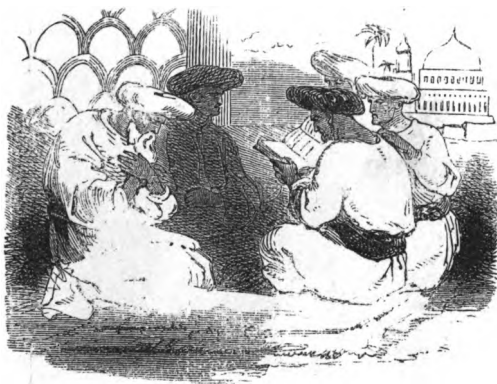
### AN EASTERN SCENE.

WE must now be in a country of the East. The tall palm trees flourish here. The camel is used to transport travellers and their baggage. There is a flowing stream in sight, which is rarely met with, while deserts and barren sands are often seen. There is something very interesting in this old country, where the people lived whose history we have in the early books of the Bible. Travellers tell us that the mountains and valleys and rocks which we read of in the Old Testament are still seen.



## THE PYRAMIDS.

WE are now in Egypt, and find here one of the seven wonders of the world—the pyramids and also the famous image called a sphinx. In the folly and madness of men who are without God in the world the sphinx was invented, with the head of a man and the body of an animal. The great sphinx now before us is hewn out of the solid rock, and is sixty-two feet high and nearly one hundred and fifty feet long. How can reasonable beings, who see the sun, the moon and the stars, worship images of wood and stone instead of the living God!



### READING THE BIBLE.

THERE was a time when the people in the East Indies had never seen a Bible, nor any Christian book. But they have now the word of God; and ship-loads of tracts and books have been sent to them. Look at these poor Hindoos as they sit on a mat. One of them reads aloud about the love of God in the gift of his Son, and that now men of every land may look to him and be saved. And the others listen as if they were glad to hear the good news, which their fathers never heard. We will pray that God may bless to the good of the Hindoos what they read in the tracts.





### CHINESE LADIES.

HERE we have a picture of two Chinese women. When they were young, their feet were tightly tied and bound so that they could not grow to their proper size. They think their small feet look very genteel. But then, they cannot run and jump and walk, as our little girls can. See what small, strange shoes they wear. It is sad to think that not many of the women of China know how to read; and few of them have ever heard that they have a soul to be saved or lost. Do you not pity them?



### THE CHINESE COBBLER.

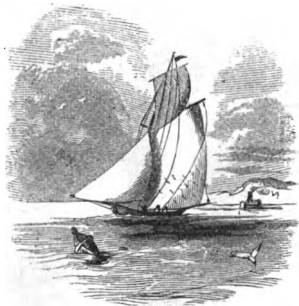
As you have never seen a Chinese cobbler, I will show you a picture of one. You will notice that he has glasses tied to his ears. He is very busy at his work. His tools are in a basket, or are spread upon the ground. Two boys have brought a wooden shoe to be mended. The Chinese are an ingenious people; but they are without the best knowledge. They have now been blessed with teachers, who will tell them of the love of God in giving his Son, Jesus Christ, that those who trust him and love him might be saved. To know him is the best wisdom.



## THE WATER CARRIERS.

WE must now be in China, that vast country where dwell nearly half of all the people in the world. The heads and faces and dress of the people are all Chinese, and here is the water carrier with two buckets or half barrels swung across his shoulders, and the people buy a drink and dip it out for themselves.

What a blessing it is to our large cities that water is so plenty and so free! The blessings we think of least are often those of the greatest value.



## THE LITTLE VESSEL.

A BIG ship makes a fine show and is strong enough to buffet the waves and storms of the ocean, but there is a great deal of important work done by little vessels that hug the shore and are never upon the high seas. Often little vessels help to save big ships, and the people on them from being drowned. They are like little useful children; always busy, and busy about things which they are old enough and strong enough to do. Let them be content, and remember that

**Larger ships may venture more,  
But little boats should keep near shore.**



## SHIPS AND SHORES.

A NOBLE sight is a ship at sea. Her sails all set and filled with a fresh breeze, and her motion as steady and easy as a duck upon a mill-pond.

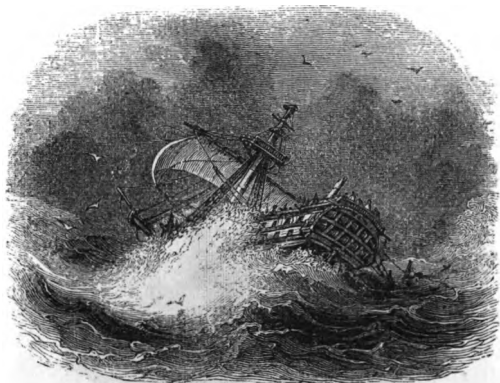
What a wonderful thing it is that the water can bear upon its bosom such noble vessels, with their heavy freight and many passengers, and carry them safely many thousands of miles. In old times, vessels were never able to go far out to sea. What could we do without ships and sailors, and how much we ought to do for sailors when they do so much for us!



### THE LIGHT ON DECK.

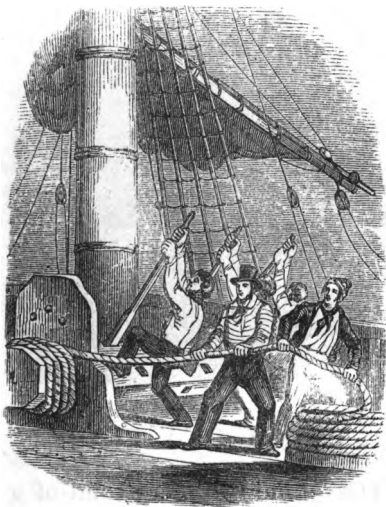
JACK FRENCH was as bold and nimble a sailor as ever had hold of a rope. He loved the ship and the sea, and was always ready for duty. But his mouth was never dirtied with tobacco, nor heated with strong drink, nor defiled with profane oaths.

How was this? Why he never fell into such habits when a boy; and now he tries to do good to others and to persuade them to be sober, righteous, and godly. Is not such an one a light on the deck.



## THE WRECK.

THERE are dangers everywhere; yet the kind hand of our Heavenly Father can protect us in one place as well as in another. But those who go down to the sea in ships and do business on the great waters, are exposed to more certain dangers. Sometimes the waves beat upon a ship with such fury as to sink it. Sometimes one vessel runs down upon another, and one or both are sunk; and sometimes lightning from heaven strikes a vessel, or she takes fire, and becomes a mere wreck. Surely sailors should fear God, and be always ready to die.



## HOISTING THE ANCHOR.

THE anchor is the iron hook, which, when sunk in the water, strikes deep into the bottom of the sea, and by a cable or large rope holds the ship fast. When the ship is to sail, the anchor must be raised, and this is hard work. If the anchor does not hold, or if the cable breaks, the ship is helpless. The Bible tells us that the hope of the Christian is as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast.



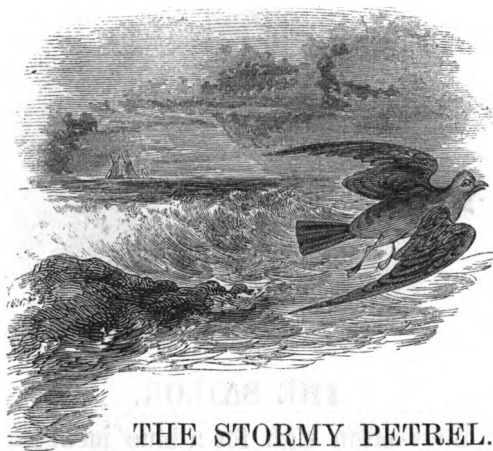


## THE ROCKY SHORE.

LITTLE Jamie was very fond of going to the shore with his father and sister, and looking off upon the wide blue sea, when the waves were dashing upon the rocks and throwing the white spray almost into their faces.

The place where they stood was near the edge of a very high bank, and Jamie was disposed to go nearer the edge than was safe.

His father used to tell him that there was no courage in going into needless danger.



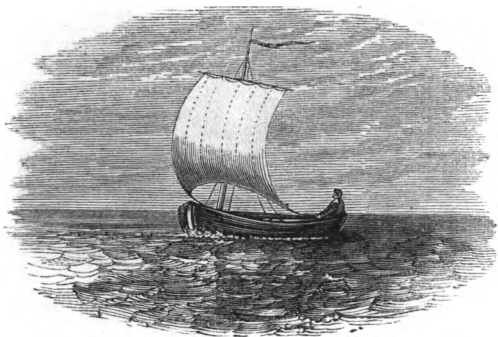
## THE STORMY PETREL.

THIS bird is well known to sailors, and when seen far out upon the ocean, it is thought a tempest is at hand. When the air is thick and heavy they come forth from their retreats, and fly more rapidly than the swallow. They just skim the water, and seem to be running up and down the waves. And while the sailors are dreading the storm, the birds surround the vessel in crowds, as if to tell them that He who watches over a sparrow will help all who trust in Him.



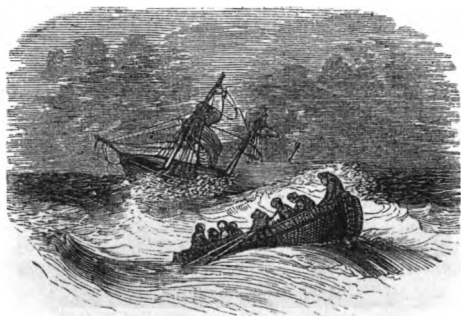
### THE SAILOR.

Boys often sigh for a blue jacket and trousers and a row or two of bright buttons all down on the edge, as though a sailor had little else before him but an endless holiday. But the sky is not always blue, nor the sea always fanned by soft winds. Hills and valleys, forests and fields, afford quite as many pleasures as the sea, with fewer dangers. A sailor's life may be useful and happy; but his temptations are many, and he is often too ready to yield to them. It is only by trying to shun evil ways, and asking God to help us, that we can succeed.



## BREAKERS AHEAD !

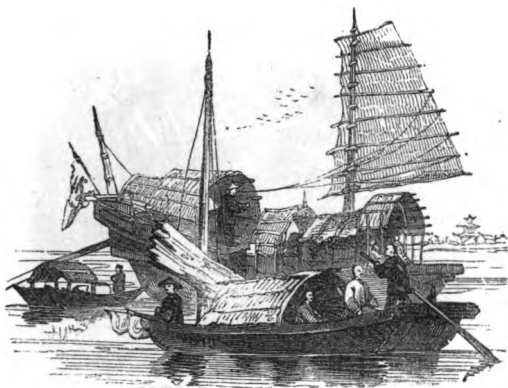
IN a fair morning and upon a smooth sea, the little vessel catches, with its sail, the favouring breeze, and has the promise of a safe passage to the place whither it would go. But there are breakers ahead ! A sharp look-out is needful to shun them. Life opens fair, and pleasures sparkle on every side. It would seem as if there could be no danger, and we think we can sail on as far and as pleasantly as we will. But often, when only a little way from shore, the frail vessel runs upon the breakers, and becomes a sad wreck !



## A STORM.

THE waves beat over the ship, and the winds roar around it. The clouds are driven along the sky, and the noise of thunder is heard afar off. The masts soon break, and fall into the sea, and the sails are torn to pieces.

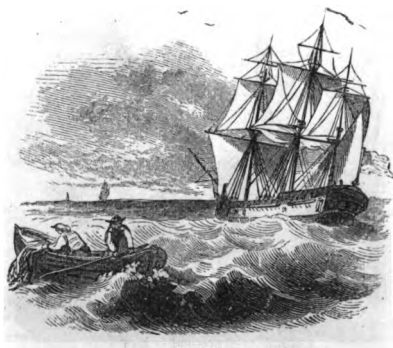
See, how the ship beats on the rocks! What will become of the poor sailors? In the time of their danger they pray to God to help them. Have they forgotten, when in health, to pray to him in the name of Jesus Christ, that they may have eternal life? We hope not; for He only can save them.



### A CHINESE SHIP.

THE Chinese call a ship a “junk.” It is painted red, yellow, and other gay colours. The sails and ropes are made of canes. There are small houses on the decks. Bits of red cloth are tied to the masts, which the sailors think will keep the ship safe in a storm. They carry with them to sea an idol, and offer it rice to eat. But a block of wood cannot eat rice, nor can it save their lives or souls.

Some people of China have heard the word of God, and have thrown away their idols, and believe in Jesus Christ. May all of them soon know the true God!



## A MISSION SHIP.

HAVE you heard how many people there are in the world who do not know God? How can they know about Him, unless some one be sent to teach them? Here is a mission ship: it will soon be on its way to a distant land. The gospel tells us that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, that those who believe on Him should not perish, but have life for ever. Many millions of children have not heard of this. A great many in our own country are as ignorant as the heathen children. Shall we not try to get them into Sunday-school?



## OUT OF SCHOOL.

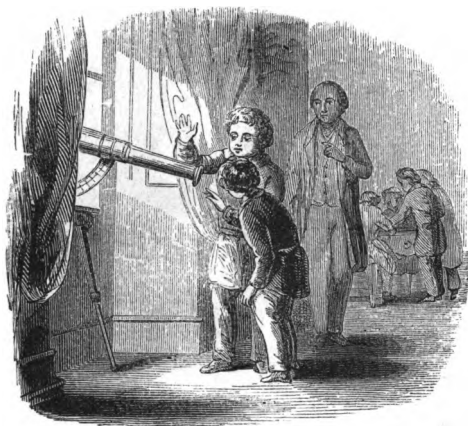
THE sight and sound of school-children just let loose is very pleasant. We love to see them running and leaping and to hear their joyous shouts. It does them good, and it does us good. But there is one time and one place where we like to see quiet motions, and to hear as little noise as possible, and that is in leaving Sunday-school. Then it is best to put aside the loud laugh and the rude play, and to think of the duties of God's holy day. It is always painful to see children rush out of Sunday-school.





## HELP AT HOME.

It is worth a great deal to have help at home. If a mother, or aunt, or older sister has time to hear a lesson, or to give a little assistance now and then in studying it, many a vexation would be prevented. We hope those who have such help within their reach gladly use it—not to indulge themselves in idleness, but as an encouragement to industry. Those who do the best for themselves, will be most likely to get help from others. But it is neither kind or right to help the idle in their idleness.



## A LOOK AT THE STARS.

THE telescope is a wonderful piece of work, but what we see through it is much more wonderful. Mr. Jones, the school-master, was always glad to gratify his boys by giving them frequent opportunities to study the skies. He tried to make them understand about their magnitude, and distances, and often said to them, Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God—the wondrous works of Him who is infinite in wisdom and perfect in knowledge.



## THE TRUTHFUL SCHOLAR.

It is an easy thing to deceive a father or mother or teacher; but no one can deceive God. He knows all our words and acts, and even our thoughts. This truth had been well fixed in a little boy's mind, and whenever he had committed a fault, he at once confessed it, and so saved himself a great deal of trouble and sorrow. When he had been reproved at school, or had fallen into any sin in his intercourse with others, he was not only willing, but ready and anxious to confess it all to his mother.



## THE NEW PRIZE BOOK.

JANE and her cousin are warm friends. Each esteems the other better than herself, which is a sure way to prevent envy and strife. Jane gained a prize for the best composition. It was a beautiful book, and any girl in school would have been glad to have gained it; but Jane's first wish was that her cousin should have the full enjoyment of it, and they could not wait till they were at home before they glanced at its interesting pages. We are certain to have a reward for seeking to make others happy.

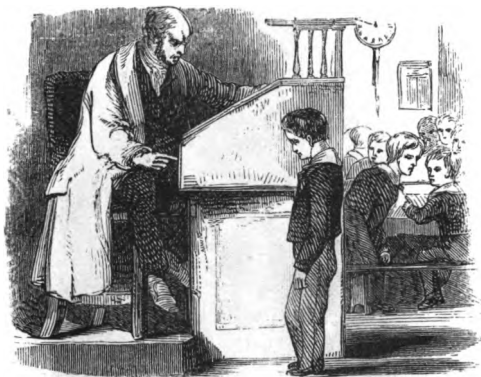


## STUDYING FOR SCHOOL.

IN an old primer from which some of the wisest and best men that our country has ever seen, learned their first lessons, there was the picture of a boy receiving stripes from a rod in the hands of the school-master, and in connection with it was this couplet—

The idle fool,  
Is whipp'd at school.

How far the whipping cured the idleness we are not told; but the diligent boy avoids the folly and the rod.



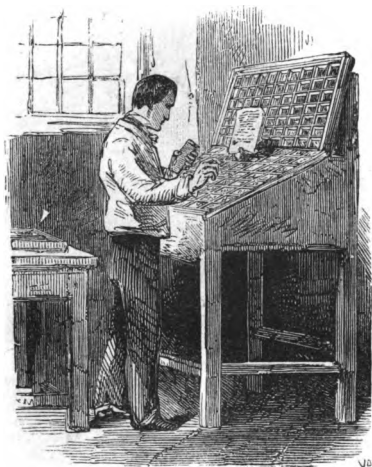
## THE TRUANT.

JAMES was not a bad boy till he began to play truant. Then he found other boys who were glad to lead him astray. First he deceived his teacher, by pretending that he was late because he was detained at home. Then, when he stayed away entirely from school, he deceived his mother, by pretending that he had been in school, when he was really in the woods or on the pond. By-and-by he was found out, and then was severely punished. Why take the first wrong step? Does it not always lead us astray?



### GIVING AN ACCOUNT.

FRANK'S mother used to question him every day, very kindly, as to his employments,—when and with whom he had played; how he got on with his lessons; what his teacher said, &c. He was not unwilling to give this account of himself, for he was sure his mother was his best earthly friend, and only meant it for his good. He honoured his mother as God commands.



## SCHOOL-BOOKS.

SOME boys and girls are very careless and wasteful in the use of their school-books. They leave them about the house and they get dirty, or they throw them down or let them fall, and so the leaves become loose or the cover is broken; or they lose them. Perhaps if they thought of the money it costs their parents to buy books, they would be more careful. Here is a man setting the types of a book. Every letter of every word is handled by itself! A book is a wonder.





## THE RECESS.

It is not wise nor good to keep at one's books all the time, any more than it is to play all the time. The best rule is to make the most of school when at school, and the most of play when at play.

When Sidney Grace was out of school nothing pleased him better than to make or mend his little brother's playthings, and then to help him use them. By making others happy, he added to his own enjoyment.



## SCHOOL BY THE WAYSIDE.

OLD Robert Gray was very fond of the company of little children, and always had a pleasant word for them, and generally a little kind and useful advice. The eyes of his two grandchildren were drawn to a worm crawling slowly along the ground, and they wanted him to put his cane on it and crush it. But the good old man said—"No, my children. Why should I take the life of any creature that does no harm, and that is not needed for food?"



### A GREAT EVENT.

SUSIE JONES had a set of alphabet blocks given to her by her grandmother on one of her birthdays. They were in a little paper box, and she used to turn them all out on the carpet, and then put the letters together into words. She had made dog, cat, cow, pig and others before she was three years old. When she was a little past four, she had put together all the words of a verse of the Bible. Her father was glad when she read with a clear, distinct voice the words, "God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him."



## THE GOOD NEWS.

WHEN the New Zealand girl came to a Christian country and was told what love the Lord Jesus Christ had shown in giving himself to die for sinners, she said she must go and tell her New Zealand friends of the good news, even if she had to swim there!

The people of God send out missionaries to China and India and the islands of the sea to tell the good news. Here is one of them talking to some Chinese about the love of Christ for sinners. Let us do what we can to help them.



## THE CRUEL BROTHERS.

ALL children who go to Sunday-school have read or heard the story of the wicked men who were envious of their young brother, Joseph, and were ready to kill him. They were kept from killing him, but they sold him to be a slave, and told their father a dreadful lie about his being killed by wild beasts.

Their sin found them out as it always does.



## THE BEAUTIFUL LESSON.

**HOLY SCRIPTURE** is full of beautiful lessons to teach us our duty to God and to our fellow-men, but there is one lesson which a Christian teacher is always glad to impress on a child's mind, and that is the goodness of God, our heavenly Father. God is good. He would have every body happy, and so he requires every body to be holy, because God himself is holy, and to be holy is to be happy. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Let the goodness of God lead us to repentance.



## THE LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

WHAT is more pleasant than the morning light, when the darkness flees away and all the creatures God has made, awake with joy and gladness. There is a darkness which comes over the mind sometimes, when all this world seems sad and nothing bright beyond it. Then the Bible is opened, and God is seen as a kind and merciful Saviour ready to forgive and bless us.

The entrance of that word gives light and joy in the hours of sickness and sorrow, and even when we come to die, it fills us with hope and peace.



## THE POOR RICH MAN.

IF we had passed by the rich man's door, we might have seen, sitting at the foot of the lofty steps, a poor beggar. He is not only poor but diseased. His limbs are covered with sores, and the dogs seem to pity him. The rich man is in his grand house, and has all that money can buy. But wait a little while till they die. Then the poor man, who loved and served God, will be received into a palace, and the rich man, who neither loved nor served God, will be shut up in a close prison.





### CAIN AND ABEL.

WHAT a sad sight is this! Cain is about to kill his brother Abel. Cain was angry, and he slew him, because Abel's works were good, and his own were evil. He did not fear God. If we in our heart hate our brother, or anybody, we are like wicked Cain. For we should know that hatred may lead to murder.

A little girl was once asked, What made every one love her? when she said, "I think it is because I love every one." We must be kind to all. "Little children, love one another," for "God is love."



## HAGAR.

THIS poor woman is far away from her home. There is no house near in which she can rest; she has no food to eat. She is very tired, and sits by a "fountain of water." Is there no one to pity or help her? Yes; God is there to take care of Hagar. He sends an angel to comfort her. Then she says with joy, "Thou God seest me."

God sees every one of us in every place, in the dark night or in the bright day.



## MOSES.

HERE is a little basket with a babe in it. This basket is called an ark. It was placed among the rushes on the side of a great river. Was it a cruel mother who put it here? No; she is a very kind mother. She did it to save the life of her child. She knew that God would watch over the little ark, and keep the babe from being hurt.

A princess found the babe, and took care of it as if it were her own dear child. She called it Moses, which means, "Taken out of the water." Moses grew to be a wise and good man, and God sent him to guide his people to Canaan.



## THE HOLY LAW.

God gave to the Jews his holy law. [It taught them what they should do, and what they should not do. And he said that they should teach it to their children.

Children now should study the Bible, that they may know what this holy law says. If we learn to read the Bible, we shall find what the law, or word of God, teaches us.

The way to be happy and holy and useful, is to attend to what it teaches us, and first of all what it says about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who died that those who have broken God's holy law might be forgiven and saved.



### WATER FROM THE ROCK.

THE Jews in their long journey wanted water. There was not any river or well from which they could get it. Nor did any rain fall. They were thirsty, and they might all soon die. Then Moses, at God's command, struck a hard rock with his rod, and there came out a stream of nice cool water. How gladly the people ran to take it!

If we had no water, the trees would have no green leaves; there would not be any fruit or flowers, and we should all die from thirst. But because we have it every day, we do not think of its value. Be thankful to God for water, and for all his gifts.



SAMSON was the strongest man that ever lived. He pulled down the heavy posts of the gate of the city of Gaza. One day he met a lion in the road, and he fought with the wild beast, and killed him, for God gave him power.

The Bible says that the devil is as “a roaring lion,” that seeks whom he may devour. But God, who made Samson strong to kill the lion, can make children who love Jesus Christ so strong, that they shall resist the devil and overcome him.



GOLIATH was a giant. Every day this giant came with sword and spear, and with a loud voice he called to the people of Israel to send some one to fight with him. David was then a youth; but he came with a sling and five smooth stones from a brook, for he trusted in God to help him. He threw one of the stones from the sling, and killed the giant. Then he took the giant's great sword, and cut off his head.

We see how soon God can destroy those who do not fear him, and can keep safe those who trust in him. David trusted in God and not in the strength of his own arm, nor in his skill to throw the stone.



## GOOD OLD PETER.

WHEN Sammy and Sallie Price went to see their uncle, (who lived about twenty miles from the city,) they always depended upon seeing good old Father Peter, as he was called. The old man travelled up and down the country, and always carried with him a few nice little books which he gave the children, and when they saw him coming down the hill, they ran out to meet him.

When he gave them the books, he used to say, "Remember, my dears, that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." No one is too poor to be useful in some way.





### MAKING UP.

WHEN a quarrel breaks out, we may be sure there is sin at the bottom of it, and there must always be *two* to engage in it. Whether it is in the house or at school, among children or grown people, somebody is in the wrong. Now there are some who are so wicked as to love to set people by the ears. They love to see a fight between men or dogs or cocks. God is greatly displeased with such persons. He is a God of peace, and blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.



### ALWAYS BUSY.

It is a great thing to be able to read. In our happy country all may learn to read who wish to learn, and yet there are thousands of children who grow up and do not know their letters. If they cannot find time to go to school on any other day, they can go to Sunday-school, where kind teachers will be glad to receive them, and teach them to read the Holy Bible—the best of all books. If we know how to read we never need be without useful employment. There is no need that any one should be ignorant who is willing to learn.



### AS YOU PLEASE.

JANE PRICE was always glad when her mother would take her out with her. She had no older sister to go with; and as she was very good about her lessons and other duties at home, her mother was ready to give her all the pleasure she could. At one time they were on their way to a friend's house, and Jane saw some people together at a distance, and was very curious to know what they were doing. But her mother checked her; and it was one of the good things about Jane, that she was always obedient to her mother's wishes.



## FOUND OUT.

NOTHING is more foolish than to do a wrong thing, expecting that it will not be found out. Conscience will keep telling us of it. We shall be all the time in fear that what we have done will come to light; and, whether others know it or not, God certainly knows it. No act is so secret that He does not see it, no whisper so low that He does not hear it, and no place so dark that His eye does not look through it. Never do what you would be ashamed to confess, if you should be asked if you did it.



### LOOK UP!

**THERE** is much upon the face of the earth which is curious and pleasant to see. The green grass and flowers always please the eye. But the deep blue sky—the sun, the moon, and the stars—the clouds and vapours; these we gaze upon with endless delight. In these the power, wisdom and goodness of the great Creator are wonderfully shown; and beyond them is the bright world where the blessed Saviour is, and where we shall go if we love and serve God.



## DILIGENCE.

SEEST thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings. He shall not stand before mean men. These are the words of the wisest of men, and they teach us that the way to honour and prosperity lies through a diligent attention to business.

The studious boy is likely to be a studious man. Habits of industry once gained are seldom lost. If we would excel in any pursuit, we must give the mind and heart to it—whether it is in the service of God or man. What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.



## NOT HAPPY.

No one can be happy if there is trouble in the heart; and there will always be trouble in the heart till it is right in the sight of God. One may live in a grand house, and have many servants, and plenty of gold and silver, and all sorts of pleasant things in abundance, but if the heart is not at ease, no one can be happy. The wise man tried men singers and women singers, and all sorts of musical instruments, but they could not make him happy. To be holy is to be happy.



### WILLIE AND JOHN.

WILLIE sits with his brother John on Sunday, and hears him talk about God, and the soul, and the love of Jesus in dying to save sinners. John tries to teach his brother from the Bible. Willie should be very glad that he has such a kind brother. If he now minds what is said to him, and believes in the Saviour, he will grow up a useful, happy, and godly boy.

“’Tis easier work if we begin  
To serve the Lord betimes;  
While sinners, that grow old in sin,  
Are harden’d in their crimes.”





### WHAT MUST I DO?

If a child really wants to know his duty, let him look into the perfect law of God.

I must learn to read, and look  
Often in God's holy book;  
And to him I still will pray,  
"Take my wicked heart away."

He from sin can make me free,  
For the Saviour died for me.  
Oh, how happy, life to spend  
With the Saviour for my friend!



## EVENING VERSES.

WILLIE and Jane came to their mother, to say their evening verses. Willie's verse was—

“Lord Jesus, hear me when I pray,  
And take my sinful heart away;  
Teach me to love thee, O my Lord,  
And learn to read thy holy word.”

Jane's verse was—

“My evening prayer I raise to thee,  
Who through the day hast guarded me.  
Keep me this night from every ill,  
And help me, Lord, to do thy will.”



### HOW TO BE USEFUL.

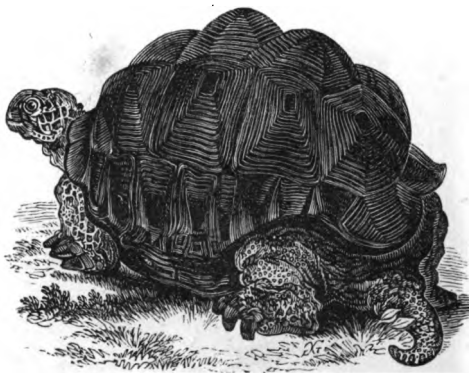
Do you say you do not know how a little child can be of use to any body? Then look at Harry Smith, who goes every day and reads a chapter of the Bible to blind Martha. It is a great comfort to the poor old woman, and she is very glad to listen to the word of God. Let her hear how Jesus Christ died on the cross to save us. He says, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."



## FUSS AND FEATHERS.

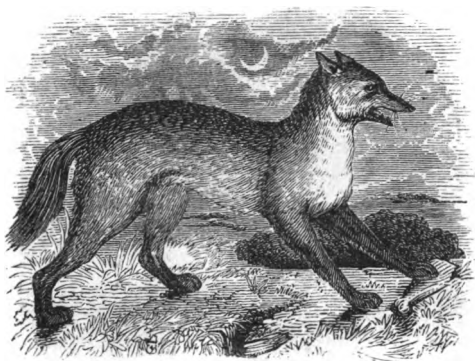
A WONDERFUL stock of “goodly feathers” and a very proud strut are all a peacock has to show. One would think, to see the fuss he makes with his feathers and the noise he makes with his throat, that he was of great importance, but it is not so; and when we see any one putting on airs and making a boast of great things, we may suppose that whenever the fuss and feathers are gone, there would be little left.

Modesty is almost always a companion of merit.



## THE TURTLE.

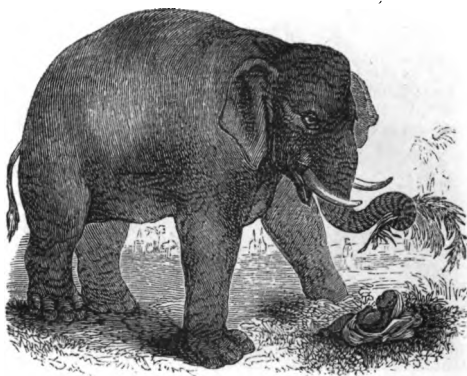
A VERY curious and homely creature it is. He carries his house on his back! When he would see what is going on in the world, he puts his head out of the front door of his house, and looks around him. If any danger is at hand he quickly draws it in again, and also his claws and tail, so that they are all covered by his thick hard shell. He is not disposed to meddle with other people, if they will let him alone. And it is a very important lesson for all to learn—to mind their own business.



## THE JACKAL.

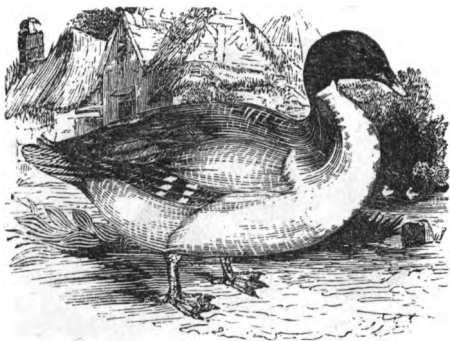
THE Jackal looks like a fox but acts like a wolf. He lives in the woods—is seldom seen abroad by day, but preys on weaker animals and on poultry at night. The cry of the Jackal is between a bark and a howl, and when a troop of them yell, the sound makes the deer and other timid beasts flee.

The size of the Jackal is very nearly like that of the fox, but its legs are longer, and its tail not so bushy. He has stolen somebody's goose, and is making a good meal of it.



## THE ELEPHANT.

HERE is a great clumsy creature, but he knows a great deal for a brute; and though he can be made very angry by teasing him, he is naturally very kind and docile. He has a wonderful memory, and never forgets a wrong which is done to him. Here we see him holding a bush in his curious snout, and by swinging it backwards and forwards, he fans the little native child that is lying near. This kind act was once seen in an elephant, and surely we may expect that creatures who have reason will be kind and docile.



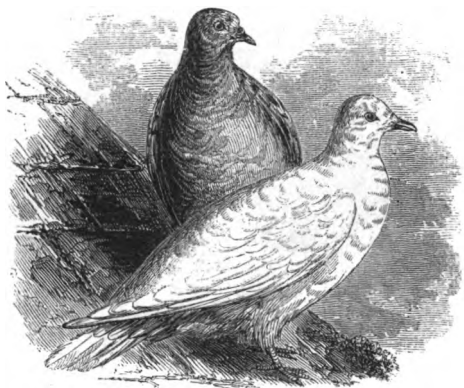
## THE SWIMMER.

No boy or man can swim like a duck. She sits on the water as a fat man sits in his rich-stuffed chair. The paddle-feet are perfectly fitted to their office. They look about them as we do when we are walking, and seem to make not the least exertion to help them along. One would think, to see them, that they could swim all their lives without once touching land, and not be wearied—so smooth and easy are their motions. On land, they move slowly and awkwardly. Every beast and bird has its proper place, and so, too, have all men and women and children.



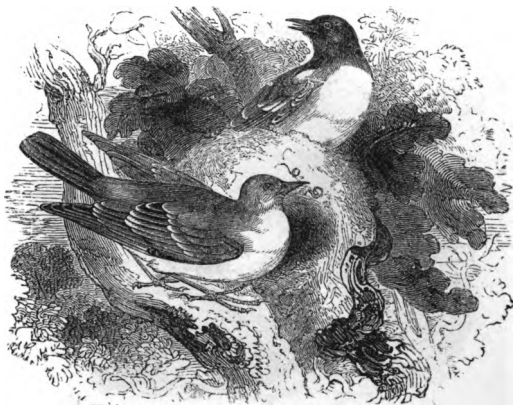


THIS curious animal is called the ruffed Lemur. It is near akin to the monkey tribes, yet it has none of the mischievous ways of monkeys, but, on the contrary, is quite harmless. The head is shaped much like a dog's, and the eyes are large, like the owls and cats, and other animals of that class. The one thing in which this creature differs from all others, is a long curved claw on the hind feet. This may assist them in leaping, at which they are very expert. We may be sure it has some wise and good design, or it would not be there. The wise Creator has made nothing in vain.



## INNOCENCE.

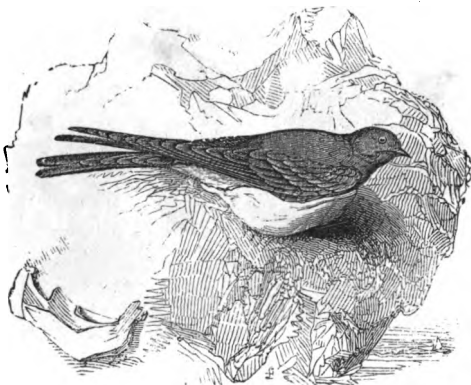
THE Holy Bible tells us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We need wisdom to direct our way in life, and God promises to give it to us if we ask it of Him. To be harmless is not to injure any one, but to be gentle and kind. The dove is a very innocent and timid bird. It does not quarrel with other birds, and does no mischief in the fields or on fruit trees. It is a very clean and graceful bird. All Sunday-school children may know that it was in the form of a dove that the Holy Spirit descended and rested upon the Saviour at his baptism.



## THE NEST-MAKERS.

SURELY every child knows that nests do not grow on trees? They are made of wool, leaves, clay, sticks or feathers, and new ones are made by most birds every year. All birds do not make their nests in the same way. Some build their nests in trees and hedges; others in the tall grass, and some on the roofs of houses. The birds have no tools but their own little beaks and feet; but with these they form their pretty nest-homes.

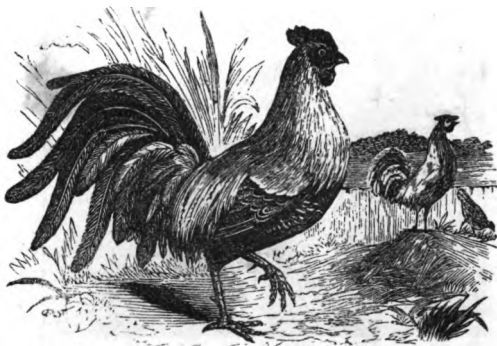
God gave them the wisdom and skill to work so well.



### THE ROBIN.

LITTLE bird, with bosom red,  
Welcome to my humble shed ;  
Daily to my table steal,  
While I pick my scanty meal ;  
Pretty robin !

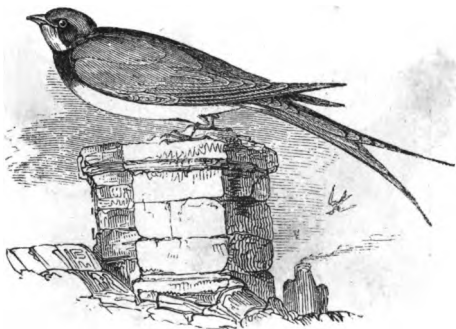
Doubt not, little though thou be,  
But I'll cast a crumb to thee ;  
Seek of me thy daily store,  
Ever welcome to my door :  
Pretty robin !



## THE ROOSTER.

THE rooster is pretty sure to be found near the barn-door, picking up the grains of corn. He struts about with his fine feathers, as though he were the master of the place. As soon as daylight dawns, we may hear his shrill crow, as if to tell us that it will soon be time for all to be up and busy.

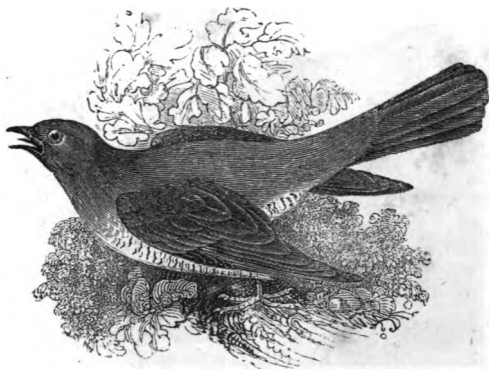
We read in the Gospels of the crowing of a cock? A man heard it: What was his name? What had he done? And what did he do when he heard the cock crow? You can find an answer in your little Testament.



## THE HOME BIRD.

WE call the swallow our home-bird; for it builds its nest in the roofs of our barns, or in a chimney. It is an active little bird, and can fly very fast. When it has caught some flies or gnats, it hastens away, to feed its young in the nest. This bird has been called “the friend of man.”

We should, then, be the friend of the little bird, and not be so cruel as to try to hurt it, or to rob its nest of the eggs, or take away the young ones. Kind boys and girls will not be cruel to any living thing.



## THE CUCKOO.

THE cuckoo comes in spring, and leaves us in the month of July. We are glad to hear its first notes in the woods, as it tells us that the time of flowers has come again.

Let us learn from the ways of birds that God takes care of them. In the Bible we are taught that not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice. If he takes care of birds, will he not take care of you, who have a soul that will live for ever, and for whom Jesus died? Believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him, and God will save you and bless you for ever.



## PRETTY POLL.

JOHNNY'S little friend, George, came to spend Saturday afternoon with him, and he had never seen the pretty parrot that Johnny's uncle had given him, as a Christmas present. They both went to the cage, and George was quite troubled, because he thought the poor bird must be very unhappy in such a narrow cage, and he took hold of the cage to pull it down and give Poll her liberty.

A good disposition makes us desire that others should enjoy what we do.





### AN UGLY TEMPER.

AND what is more troublesome to one's self, and to everybody else? Yes, this little girl had an ugly temper. Perhaps her mother was too severe with her, and sometimes she might have reproved her unjustly. But this was no excuse for her disobedience and obstinacy. When she was told to do a thing, instead of pouting and putting her finger in her mouth, the right way was to go and do it, for this would be to obey one of God's holy commandments, and would also save her a great deal of trouble.



## THE BIT IN THE HORSE'S MOUTH.

MR. JONES was about taking a ride, and his little boy was to go with him. Before setting out, however, he always looked to see that all was right about the harness, and especially about the bits and reins, because so much depends on these in guiding the horse. When he saw his father fixing the bits, he thought of what his mother often said to him when he was disposed to be stubborn or ill-natured. "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." (Ps. xxxii. 9.)



### THE EVENING HYMN.

It was the happiest hour of the day to a little boy we once knew, when he was asked to sit on his mother's knee, and repeat his little prayer and his evening hymn. However sleepy and tired he was, he never felt as if he could go to bed till he had enjoyed this little pleasant season with his mother, and received her good-night kiss. When he is an old man (if he lives so long), though he may forget almost everything else, the memory of this sweet season, at the close of each day, will stay by him.





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